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Applicant(s): David M. READ

Group Art Unit: 1744

Serial No.: 09/453,726

Examiner: M. Chorbaji

Confirmation No.: Unknown

Docket No.: 52951US002

Filed: 2 December 1999

Title: HYDROGEN PEROXIDE INDICATOR AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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An itemized return postcard.

A Petition for Extension of Time for ___ month(s) and a check in the amount of \$___ for the required fee.

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A certified copy of a ___ application, Serial No. ___, filed _____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Other:

Amendment and Response (19 pgs total - including Appendix A (6 pgs) and Exhibit A (2 pgs.)).

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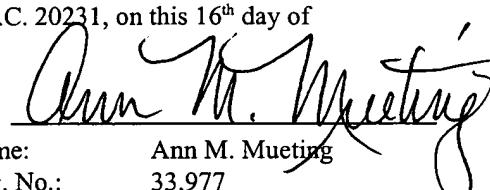
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	Pending Claims after Amendment (1)	Claims Paid for Earlier (2)	Number of Additional Claims (1-2)	Cost per Additional Claim	Additional Fees Required
Total Claims	22	20	2	x \$18 =	\$36
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One or More New Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Add \$280 Here. →					\$0
Total Additional Claim Fees Required					\$36

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 18 July 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-11 and add claims 21 and 22. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

1. A1
(AMENDED) A hydrogen peroxide sterilization indicator comprising a substrate and an indicator composition disposed thereon, wherein the indicator composition comprises at least one colorant selected from the group consisting of Malachite green oxalate, Crystal violet, Methyl violet 2B, Ethyl violet, New fuchsin, Victoria blue B, Victoria pure blue BO, Toluidine blue O, Luxol brilliant green BL, Disperse blue 1, Brilliant blue R, Victoria blue R, Quinea green B, Thionine, Meldolas blue, Methylene green, Lissamine green B, Alkali blue 6B, Brilliant